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James M. Lekas, President
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P.O. Box 1198
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Re: Acceptance of Amended Notice of Intention, Small Mining Operations, LEXCO, Inc,
Cottonwood Mine, S/047/064, Uintah County, Utah

Dear Mr. Lekas:

Thank you for your amended Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Operations, received by the Division on September 12, 2001. The application for the supplemental drilling plan on your Cottonwood Mine, located in Sections 1, 34, and 35, T10S, R21E, SLBM, is considered complete and no additional information is required at this time. You may now commence with your amended drilling plan as outlined. The Bureau of Land Management has already accepted this supplemental plan.

Please be advised that you are bound by the same "Operation and Reclamation Practices", as outlined in your original notice. Please give special consideration to item #10 of the "Operation and Reclamation Practices." Stockpiling topsoil material prior to beginning your mining operation will help ensure successful revegetation efforts upon final reclamation of the minesite. If the area being mined is a solid rock outcrop, or if the land surface is very rocky, then soil stockpiling is probably not possible. However, even the first few inches of undeveloped material is worth saving to aid in later revegetation efforts, and future regulatory release from reclamation requirements.

Should you wish to expand your operation beyond the five acre limitation, please notify this office as soon as possible to discuss the necessary permitting requirements. Approval of a large mining project typically takes from six to twelve months to complete.

Thank you for your cooperation. When in the area, a member of the Division staff will examine the site. Best wishes with your mining operation.

Sincerely,

Doug Jensen
Senior Reclamation Specialist

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cc: Pete Sokolosky, BLM, Vernal FO
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